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OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
HOLDEN IN
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON,
On Wednesday May 7, Thursday May 8, Friday May 9, Saturday May
10, and Monday May 12,
1834.

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LIST OF CLERGY,

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.

- Right Rev. LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
- Rev. JOHN AVERY, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. JOHN BURKE.
- Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr. Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern.
- Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro'.
- Rev. WILLIAM N. HAWKS, Missionary, Lenoir, Pitt and Craven counties.
- Rev. ROBERT MILLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.
- Rev. JOHN MORGAN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ's Church, Rowan.
- Rev. THOMAS S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
- Rev. WILLIAM NORWOOD, Rector of Immanuel Church, Warrenton.
- Rev. JOHN M. ROBERTSON, Missionary, now in Alabama.
- Rev. SETH S. ROGERS, Missionary, Beaufort county, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, Chaplain of the Episcopal School, Raleigh.
- Rev. ROBERT SHAW, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. JOHN SINGLETARY, Missionary, Tarborough and Scotland Neck.
- Rev. LOUIS TAYLOR, Missionary, Banks' Chapel, Granville County.
- Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'.



LIST OF LAY MEMBERS, ELECTED TO THIS CONVENTION.

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| John Cox, | } | St. Paul's Church, Edenton. |
| John Paine, | | |
| Benj'n R. Norcom, | | |
| Thomas S. Hoskins, | | |
| John H. Drummond, Christ's Church, Raleigh. | | |
| Philip C. Pope, | } | Immanuel Church, Warrenton. |
| George E. Spruill, | | |
| John Bragg, | | |
| Weldon N. Hall, | | |
| Welcome Houl, | } | St. Peter's Church, Washington. |
| Thomas A. Demill, | | |
| Eli Hoyt, | | |
| Abner P. Neale, | | |
| John H. Bryan, | } | Christ's Church, Newbern. |
| Jacob Gooding, | | |
| James W. Bryan, | | |
| Harvey Stanly, | | |

- A. J. De Rossett,*
P. K. Dickinson,
H. A. London,
Wm. C. Lord, } St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Dr. Simmons J. Baker,*
Thomas B. Hill, } Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
- Richard Hines,*
Joseph R. Lloyd,
Wm. J. Andrews,
Spencer D. Cotten, } Calvary Church, Tarborough.
- Thomas D. Smau,*
Thomas A. Bowen,
James B. Ellison, } Zion Chapel, Beaufort County.
- Joseph Bonner,*
James B. Marsh,
Wm M. Marsh,
Samuel W. Lucas, } St. Thomas's Church, Bath.
- Professor *Walker Anderson,* St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'.
- William E. Anderson,*
 Professor *Walker Anderson,* } St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro'.
- Nathaniel Harding,*
Henry D. Machen,
Thomas R. Crawford, } Trinity Church, Beaufort.
- Joshua Skinner,*
John McMorine,
Ambrose Knox,
John B. Muse, } Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
- William H. Green,*
William E. Troy,
William Dismukes,
Walter G. Jones, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- John M. Bryan,*
Jesse Noble,
Richard G. Fonville,
Thomas J. Pasteur, } St. Thomas's Church, Craven county.
- Charles P. Mallett,*
John W. Wright,
Charles T. Haigh,
Lallerstedt Mallett, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Thomas Ellison,*
Gabriel Robeson,
M. C. Archbell,
P. M. Bryan, } St. Thomas's Church, Beaufort county.
- Wm. Pugh,*
Archibald Tyson,
Henry Chamberlain,
Henry Toole, } St. James's Church, Greenville.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON, N. C. }
Wednesday, May 7, 1834. }

This being the day and place appointed for the meeting of the 18th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of North Carolina, the Bishop and following named Clergy assembled in St. Peter's Church, and answered to their names, viz:

Rev. JOHN AVERY,	Rev. WM. NORWOOD,
Rev. WM. M. GREEN,	Rev. ROBERT SHAW,
Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN,	Rev. LOUIS TAYLOR,
Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY,	Rev. JOHN SINGLETARY,
Rev. T. S. W. MOTT,	Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN,
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS,	Rev. JOHN MORGAN.

The Rev. SETH S. ROGERS reported as in town, but prevented from attending by sickness.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were then called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read; from which it appeared that the following Churches were represented, and the following Delegates elected, viz:

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—John Cox, John Paine, Benjamin R. Norcom, Thomas S. Hoskins.

Christ's Church, Raleigh.—John H. Drummond.

Inmanuel Church, Warrenton.—Philip C. Pope, George E. Spruill, John Bragg, Weldon N. Hall.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—Welcome Houl, Thomas A. Demill, Eli Hoyt, Abner P. Neale.

Christ's Church, Newbern.—John H. Bryan, Jacob Gooding, James W. Bryan, Harvey Stanly.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—A. J. De Rossett, P. K. Dickinson, H. A. London, William C. Lord.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—Dr. Simmons J. Baker, Thomas B. Hill.

Calvary Church, Tarborough.—Richard Hines, Joseph R. Lloyd, William J. Andrews, Spencer D. Cotten.

Zion Chapel, Beaufort County.—Thomas D. Smaw, Thomas A. Bowen, James B. Ellison.

St. Thomas's Church, Bath.—Joseph Bonner, James B. Marsh, William M. Marsh, Samuel W. Lucas.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—Professor Walker Anderson.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—William E. Anderson. Professor Walker Anderson.

Trinity Church, Beaufort.—Nathaniel Harding, Henry D. Machen, Thomas R. Crawford.

Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.—Joshua Skinner, John McMorine, Ambrose Knox, John B. Muse.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—William H. Green, William E. Troy, William Dismukes, Walter G. Jones.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats as members of this Convention: Benjamin R. Norcom, John H. Drummond, John Bragg, Welcome Houl, Thomas A. Demill, Eli Hoyt, Abner P. Neale, Harvey Stanly, Dr. A. J. De Rossett, W. C. Lord, Dr. Simmons J. Baker, Thos. B. Hill, Richard Hines, Thomas A. Brown, James B. Ellison, William M. Marsh, James B. Marsh, Samuel W. Lucas, Professor Anderson, and Wm. E. Anderson:

Whereupon the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary for the ensuing year. On counting the ballots, Edward L. Winslow was declared duly elected; and William C. Lord was appointed to act as Assistant Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley, the certificates of the appointment of Delegates from St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough, and St. Matthew's, Hillsboro', were referred to a committee composed of three Clergymen and one Layman; and the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Wiley, and Avery, of the Clergy, and Mr. Wm. E. Anderson. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mott, the question, "What is a Canonical residence of a Clergyman under the Article of the Constitution," was submitted to the same committee.

The President announced to the Convention, the appointment of the following Committees:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Avery, Green, Wiley, Norwood, and Morgan.

Committee of Finance.—Dr. Baker, Professor Anderson, Messrs. Hines, Hoyt, and Lord.

Committee on the unfinished business of the last Convention.—Rev. Messrs. Goodman and Mott, and Mr. Bragg.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Norwood, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, from Acts, 7th ch. 22d verse. After which the Holy Communion was administered.

4 O'CLOCK.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The following Delegates presented their certificates and took their seats as members, viz: Messrs. Nathaniel Harding, Henry D. Machen, and Thomas R. Crawford, from Trinity Church, Beaufort county; Messrs. Joseph Bowen and William M. Marsh, from St. Thomas's, Bath; Messrs. Joshua Skinner and John McMorine, from Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.

The Standing Committee report the following as their acts for the last Conventional year:

REPORT of the Standing Committee, May 1834.

The records of the Standing Committee exhibit the following, as their acts for the last Conventional year.

The Rev. Messrs. John Robertson, Rob't A. Shaw, Seth S. Rogers, and William N. Hawks have been recommended for Priest's Orders.

John Singletary has been recommended for Deacon's Orders.

Harvey Stanly has been recommended as a Candidate for Orders.

At a meeting of the Committee in January, it was unanimously Resolved, "That the Diocesan Library, with the consent of the Bishop, be placed in the care of the Chaplain of the Episcopal School, till otherwise ordered.

The Committee deem it an act of justice to themselves, as well as of proper respect to the Diocese of Tennessee, to state, that the Canonical Documents relating to the election of the Rev. James H. Otey, as Bishop of that Diocese, have never yet reached them, (although they have satisfactory reasons for believing that they were duly forwarded by mail;) and that they have thereby been prevented from bearing their cheerful and unanimous testimony to the worthiness and fitness of that Rt. Rev. Brother for the office which he now fills.

W. M. GREEN, *President.*

The Committee to whom was referred the certificates of Delegation from St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough, and St. Matthew's, Hillsborough, report, That they find nothing in the Constitution or Canons of the Church which forbids Professor Anderson to be received as a Delegate from either one of the said Churches.

The same Committee report, on the subject of the Canonical residence required by the 3d Article of the Constitution, that it appears to have been settled by a resolution adopted at the Convention held at Raleigh in May 1831, that it is not the intent of the Constitution to require a Clerical residence of 12 months, except in the case of such Clergymen as have been ordained in another Diocese and transferred to this. The Committee believe, therefore, that persons ordained to the Ministry first in this Diocese, are not excluded, by the 3d Article in the Constitution, from a seat and vote in the Convention. All which is respectfully submitted.

The report was concurred in.

Professor Anderson, being at liberty, by the above report, to select the Parish which he would represent, stated, that in consideration of St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough, having no other Delegate, he begged to be considered as the representative of that Church, and would therefore withdraw his name from the Delegation of St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.

The Rev. Mr. Goodman, on behalf of the committee on unfinished business of the last Convention, reported the Canon offered by the Rev. Mr. Cairns at the last session, and which was laid on the table.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Wiley moved the following Canon:

No Delegate shall hereafter be admitted to a seat in the Convention of this Diocese, unless it be satisfactorily ascertained that such Delegate is a member of the Congregation that he is elected to represent.

On motion, both Canons were referred to the following Committee—Rev. Messrs. Green and Singletary and Mr. Hines.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

At night, service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Singletary, from Acts.

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 9 o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop. The roll being called, the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. William N. Hawks attended and took his seat.

Thomas D. Smaw, a delegate from Zion Chapel, Beaufort County; William H. Green and William E. Troy, delegates from Calvary Church, Wadesborough; John Paine and Thos. S. Hoskins, delegates from St. Paul's Church, Edenton; Jacob Gooding, delegate from Christ's Church, Newbern; William J. Andrews, delegate from Calvary Church, Tarborough, attended and took their seats as members of this Convention.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were read by the Assistant Secretary, and were adopted to govern the deliberations of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Freeman submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. D. Griffiths, a regularly ordained Minister of this Church, acting as a Missionary under the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, is present at this Convention, and not being qualified to sit as a member, by reason of the proviso of the 3d article of the Constitution:

Resolved, therefore, That he be invited to take an honorary seat in the sittings of this Convention.

The Bishop then read his annual Address, as follows:

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

That God has spared us to witness the prosperity of his Church in this Diocese for another year, and to assemble again to account severally for the part we have taken in its affairs, and to consult for its future welfare, affords an occasion for devout thankfulness, and serious self-examination. Have we been faithful to the solemn trust committed to us; faithful to that Saviour, who has admitted us to so weighty an office and to such a glorious destiny, is an inquiry, which you, my Brethren of the Clergy, will do well to make: and one in which you, my Brethren of the Laity, are by no means uninterested.

May God enable us all so to improve the advantages of our present meeting together, that we may separate with better hopes of uniting at last in a pure and eternal fellowship at his right hand.

The following is a statement required by Canon 51, of the affairs of this Diocese, with the Episcopal acts performed since the date of my last address.

At night, on Saturday June 1st, 1833, I officiated in Immanuel Church, Warrenton, and Confirmed 14 persons. On the next morning (Trinity Sunday,) I admitted to the Holy Order of Priesthood, the Rev'd John M. Robertson, with the concurrence of a number of my Presbyters. In the same Church I preached at night.

Agreeably to appointment, I proceeded to Pittsborough, where, on the morning of the 1st Sunday after Trinity, with the assistance of the Rev'd Messrs. Freeman, Buxton, and Davis, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a building by the name of the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On which occasion, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening also, I preached, and confirmed two persons.

From this place I proceeded to Salisbury, by the way of *Salem*, being desirous of visiting the establishment of the United Brethren in that village.

Although previous engagements would not admit of my remaining long among this interesting community, still I did not leave them without receiving additional strength to my former convictions of their great Christian simplicity, eminent devotion to the Saviour, and love to all Christian people, especially to our Apostolic Church.

On Friday the 14th, I arrived at Salisbury, where I preached in St. Luke's Church, (the Rev. Mr. Morgan performing service,) on that and the following night, and also twice on Sunday the 16th—Confirming in the morning 7 persons, and administering the holy communion. I was highly gratified to mark so many indications in this parish of spiritual improvement.

On Wednesday the 19th, I took the Stage for Raleigh, to attend, agreeably to appointment, the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Episcopal School; and returned on Saturday in time to fulfil my engagement at Christ Church, Rowan county, where I officiated on Sunday the 23d.

From this place I proceeded the next day to Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Morgan. Here, on Tuesday the 25th, I preached, service being performed by Rev. Mr. Morgan, and confirmed 4 persons. The friends of the Church in this neighborhood are few, but are zealous in their efforts to secure the stated ministrations of the Gospel.

On my way to Buncombe county, through Lincoln and Rutherford counties, I made diligent inquiry for the scattered members of our Church; but with three or four exceptions in the former county, could learn of none. At Flat Rock, Buncombe county, where I arrived on the 2d of July, I found a beautiful Church edifice, of brick, nearly completed, which, however, was not in a sufficient state of forwardness to admit of being consecrated. I officiated at this place two Sundays; and from what I saw, and could learn, I think the prospects of a congregation encouraging.

Anxious to obtain some further insight into the principles upon which the best Schools of our country are conducted, I visited, during the last of September, the celebrated Institutions of Round Hill, Massachusetts, and Flushing, Long Island, New York; and was not a little gratified on finding, that the views, on the subject of education, of the experienced and highly successful Rectors of these Institutions, accorded substantially with those acted upon by our Convention; and that the former gentleman might be induced to accept the Rectorship of the Episcopal School of our Diocese.

On my return I left New York on the 15th of October, and arrived in Warrenton on Saturday the 19th. The next day I preached in Immanuel Church, the Rev. Mr. Saunders performing Service.

On Tuesday the 22d I arrived at Raleigh, and finding that little had been done, by the appointed Agents, in the collection of funds for our School, I determined, for this purpose, to make a rapid tour through the Eastern portion of my Diocese. I had proceeded to Fayetteville, and officiated in St. John's Church on Sunday the 27th, when my progress was arrested by the intelligence of the death of my child in New York.

This afflictive providence summoned me immediately to that city.

It will not, I trust, be considered irrelevant, to record here my firm

conviction of the goodness and mercy of God in this trying dispensation, and of the blessedness of those, and *those only*, who live in such subjection to the government of Jehovah, as, in the darkest hours of trial, to be enabled to say, and with a resigned and tranquil spirit, '*Thy will be done.*' My affliction was severe, but, I trust, not without its benefit; and I am sure, not without its consolations. And while I mention as among these consolations, the deep and general sympathy of my Diocese, I should do injustice to my feelings, not to notice the very kind and affectionate attentions of my friends at Fayetteville, where I received the sad tidings of my bereavement.

While in New York, having met with Mr. Cogswell of Round Hill, I persuaded him to accompany me on my return to my Diocese, as I considered his presence, at the then approaching meeting of the Executive Committee, of very essential importance. We left on the 19th of November, and reached Raleigh on Monday the 25th,—the day previous being spent in religious services at Halifax, in this State, where I performed Morning Prayer, and preached to a small, but for that place uncommonly attentive audience.

The week of my arrival in Raleigh was passed with the Executive Committee of our School. The results of this meeting, most satisfactory to myself, and most important, in my view, to the interests of the Church in the State, will be given you in the Report of the Committee, to be submitted during the sittings of this Convention.

At Raleigh, the place of my residence, I remained during the session of the Legislature, preaching every Sunday, as also on Christmas day, till January 9th, and confirming, on Sunday December 1st, one person.

From this city I went to Fayetteville, where, on Sunday the 12th, I officiated in St. John's Church, preaching morning and evening, and performing Service, the Rector being absent on duty to a vacant parish.

On Thursday the 16th I took the Stage for Wadesborough, by way of Cheraw, S. C., owing to the swollen state of the rivers on the direct road. I arrived at Wadesborough in time on Friday night to attend Service in Calvary Church, the Rev. Mr. Buxton officiating. At night on Saturday I preached, the Rev. Mr. Buxton reading prayers, and administered confirmation to 7 persons. The next morning, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, I preached and administered the holy communion to about 20 persons. I preached also at night. On Monday night I addressed the congregation upon the subject of our Episcopal School, after which I obtained a subscription highly creditable to so small a communion.

On all the occasions of public worship, the congregations were good, and evinced an exemplary seriousness of deportment. It is a matter of grief to me, that a congregation so deserving should remain so long destitute of the stated ministrations of the Gospel ministry, particularly as they evince so much thankfulness, even for the comparatively small privilege of lay reading.

On my return the next day, I preached in the morning at Morven, and at night at Cheraw.

In St. John's, Fayetteville, I officiated again on the following Saturday night. The next day, also, (Sunday 26th,) I preached and confirmed 2 persons. At night preached to the coloured congregation and confirmed 5 persons. My convictions were strengthened by this visitation, of the

great importance of doing something more generally and effectually to relieve the spiritual ignorance of our black population. There is, I think, a culpable indifference upon this point among Christians. The very partial efforts we have already made to instil into the minds of this population the sober and subordinating principles of the Gospel of Christ, promise the most happy results to a general co-operation in this cause, and show the utter futility of the indolent plea, that our blacks are incapable of being benefitted by religious instruction. Until professing Christians, however, awake to a sense of their duty in the matter, little can be expected from others. The responsibility then upon us, my Brethren, is tremendous. It cannot be disregarded without hazard to our souls. The views contained in a recent pastoral letter by the assistant Bishop of Virginia, upon this subject, accord so exactly with my own, that I wish some steps could be taken to place them before every planter in our Diocese.

On Monday night, the 27th, I officiated again in St. John's Church, and took my departure on the following Wednesday for Wilmington, where I arrived the next day. At night on Saturday, (February 1st,) I preached in St. James's Church, the Rev. Mr. Burke performing service. The next day, (Sunday,) I preached three times, being assisted in the services by the Rector and the Rev. Mr. Burke. Also, at night on the following Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, I preached, and confirmed on Saturday 12 persons. On Sunday the 9th, I preached and administered holy communion. I preached also to the coloured congregation, which I found in a flourishing condition. During that week also, I addressed the congregation on the subject of the Episcopal School, and was responded to by very general and liberal subscriptions for its support.

From this place, on the 10th, I proceeded to Newbern, where, on the morning of Ash-Wednesday, I had the satisfaction of meeting, agreeably to previous appointment, a number of my Clergy in convocation. The object of this meeting was to enable me to become better acquainted with the views and attainments of my Clergy; to counsel them on points connected with ministerial usefulness; to animate and encourage them in their high duties; and to afford them an opportunity of mutual edification, and for the performance of many duties, (such, for example, as the examination of Candidates for Orders,) which, but for this occasion, would be at best very imperfectly discharged. And the results of our convocation, in reference to ourselves, and to the congregation who enjoyed the privilege of our services, were such as to justify me in the determination to hold at least two in each year in different parts of my Diocese.

While at Newbern I performed the following acts in Christ's Church: Preached on Thursday night, the Rev. Mr. Avery performing service; also, Saturday night, the Rev. Mr. Freeman performing service. On Sunday morning the 16th, with the concurrence of the Rev. Messrs. Avery, Freeman, Goodman and Davis, I admitted the Rev. Messrs. Shaw, Hawks, and Rogers, Deacons, to the holy order of Priests. I preached on the occasion, the Rev. Mr. Goodman performing Morning Prayer.

On Tuesday the 18th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, an edifice in Craven county, by the name of St. Thomas's Church. I preached on the occasion, the Rev. Messrs. Goodman and Hawks assisting in the services.

I returned to Newbern to administer confirmation, according to appoint-

ment, on Wednesday evening, but was prevented by the inclemency of the weather.

On Friday I proceeded to Washington, and preached at night, in St. Peter's Church, the Rev. Mr. Rogers performing service. The next day I officiated at Trinity Church, Beaufort county, preaching and administering confirmation to one person, and the holy communion to about twenty, the Rev. Mr. Shaw assisting in the services. At night of the same day, I preached again in St. Peter's Church, Washington, and confirmed four persons. Also, the next day, (Sunday the 23d,) I preached both in the morning and at night; administering in the morning the holy communion. This Parish seemed to be in a state promising the happiest results to a faithful exhibition of the Gospel.

The next day, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Shaw and Rogers, I went to Zion Chapel, where I officiated in the morning, and thence proceeded to Bath. The following morning, I crossed to the Parish of St. John's, and was grieved at being called to officiate at the funeral of a pious lady whom I had expected to confirm. I preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed one person, two of the candidates for that holy rite having been suddenly removed by death. Most sincerely have I sympathized with this little flock upon their recent loss, in this way, of three or four of their most valuable members.

On my return to St. Thomas's Church, the next day, I was subjected to the disappointment, owing to severe head winds, of not arriving to fulfil my appointment till 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The congregation, however, remained, and I officiated at that hour.

On Thursday the 27th, I proceeded to Edenton, and officiated on the following Friday and Saturday nights, in St. Paul's Church, confirming, on the latter occasion, three persons. On Sunday morning, 2d of March, I preached and administered the holy communion, the Rev. Mr. Avery assisting in the services. At night also, I preached and confirmed one person. This Parish is gradually improving, both in respect to numbers and to spiritual devotedness.

On the 4th of March, I went to Hertford, and preached at night in the Court House, to an unusually attentive congregation. The next day, proceeded to Old Neck, and preached in a School House, to an assembly of apparently devout and interested worshippers. The day following, went to Boyd's Neck, Pasquotank county, where, on the 7th, I preached to a small but serious congregation. On these occasions the service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Rowland.

I repeat my convictions, expressed at our last Convention, that this region of country presents one of the most necessitous, and at the same time inviting fields of labour, now open to the Church.

On the evening of the 7th, I proceeded to Elizabeth City, where, at night, I preached in Christ's Church, the Rev. Mr. Rowland performing service. On Saturday night, Sunday morning, and night also, I preached, confirming four persons and administering the holy communion, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Rowland. The destitute condition of this Parish has been to me a source of deep anxiety; and I do not yet see in what way it is to be supplied.

On my return, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Washington, on the evening of the 12th. Also, in Christ's Church, Newbern, on the morning of the 14th.

On the 16th, (Sunday,) I officiated in the morning in St. Thomas's Church, Craven county, preaching, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Hawks, to a large and seriously attentive congregation, and confirming seven persons. In the evening I returned to Newbern, and preached in Christ's Church, confirming ten persons, the Rev. Mr. Goodman performing the evening service.

On Monday the 17th, I proceeded to Caswell, Lenoir county; where, at night of the same day, I performed service and preached. The next morning, also, after service by the Rev. Mr. Hawks, I preached to an attentive congregation. I left this place with the hope, that before another visitation, should I be spared to make it, the Church edifice there, in the progress of building, will be ready for consecration. I regard the completion of this work as indispensable to the permanent establishment and prosperous growth of the Church of Christ in this village.

On the 19th I proceeded to Raleigh, where, for a week, I was confined to my room from sickness.

On the 3d of April, in that place, I was present, according to appointment, at a meeting of our School Committee.

On the morning of the first Sunday after Easter, in Christ's Church, Raleigh, I admitted to the holy order of Deacons, John Singletary; on which occasion I preached, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Freeman and Saunders.

On Wednesday evening the 9th, after service by Rev. Mr. Freeman, I preached and confirmed seven persons.

I left the next day, upon a visitation, agreeably to previous appointment, to the Churches in Orange, Granville, and Franklin counties. At night, I performed service and preached at Chapel Hill in the College Chapel, to a numerous and deeply attentive congregation.

The following evening I proceeded to Hillsborough, where I preached in St. Matthew's Church, the Rev'd Mr. Green performing Service, on Saturday morning, on the morning and evening of Sunday, (15th,) and also at night of the next Tuesday. Here I confirmed on this occasion, eight persons.

On Wednesday, the next day, I went to St. Mary's Chapel, where after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Green, I preached and confirmed two persons.

On Friday the 18th, I officiated at Salem Chapel, preaching and administering the holy communion, the Rev. Mr. Green assisting in the services.

The next day I proceeded to Oxford, where, on Sunday morning the 20th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a building, by the name of St. Stephen's Church. On which occasion I preached, the Rev. Messrs. Green, Mott, and Taylor, being present and assisting in the services.

In the evening of the same day, I preached, after service by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, and confirmed seven persons.

The next day I went to Banks' Chapel, in the vicinity, and after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Green, and the baptism of two adults by the Rev. Mr. Mott, I preached and confirmed four persons.

I was much gratified, on this occasion, to perceive that the services of the Rev. Mr. Taylor had been so well appreciated, and so much blessed.

On Tuesday the 22d, I went to Williamsborough; and after morning

prayer by the Rev. Mr. Norwood, preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed two persons. Thence I proceeded to Louisburg, and on the morning of the 24th, performed service and preached to a small but serious congregation.

Sunday the 27th I passed at Raleigh, preaching morning and evening. On the following day I left for Tarborough, where, agreeably to appointment, I preached on Wednesday the 30th, the Rev. Mr. Singletary performing service. As also the next day, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Singletary, in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck. The day following I returned to Tarborough, and performed service and preached at night. Thence I proceeded to fulfil my appointment in Pitt county. And on Sunday the 4th of May, preached, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Singletary, in the Academy at Greenville.

From which place I came to attend the deliberations of this Convention.

During the visitation thus ended, I have had continued cause for devout gratitude to God, for his blessing on my imperfect labors, and for thankfulness to his people for their kindness, expressed in efforts to render these labors agreeable and efficient.

It will be observed, by a recurrence to the details of my Journal, that although the number of confirmations is somewhat less than it was the previous year, still that they are more equally apportioned among the Parishes, shewing a more general increase of the Church in the Diocese, while a decrease has been experienced only in a few congregations. Besides, the persons confirmed may be regarded as so many added to our Communion; and, in very many cases, from dissenting denominations. Indeed, it is a circumstance cheering to the friends of the Church, that in every instance where its claims are duly considered, prejudice immediately gives way, and submission is secured to its scriptural doctrines, order and worship. And there never was a time when from sectarian dissention and fanatical excitement, so many circumstances concurred to exhibit and enforce these claims, as at the present moment.

A mere accession of numbers, however, would furnish but a poor source of gratification, without a proportionable increase in purity of manners and spirituality of mind; as the Church only becomes a blessing to us, when through its external privileges we seek these high and indispensable attainments.

It has been my joy, beloved Brethren, to observe that generally, these attainments *are* sought and possessed by the members of our Communion.

Still it would be an abandonment of my sacred trust, not to acknowledge the deep concern I have felt, on discovering, in some of our Parishes, a manifest decline of spiritual interest and zeal. And I shall not be considered, I trust, as invading your individual and social rights, while I ascribe this decline to a too great indulgence on the part of Communicants, in *worldly and trifling amusements*.

The contest is between the spirit of the world, and the spirit of Christ; and he who yields to the spirit of the former, is sure to be deserted by the latter. *For the friend of the world is the enemy of God.* And how evident is it, from the deportment of some, from whom we have a right to hope better things, that they have become *carnally minded*. And, as to be carnally minded is *death*, death to one's own spiritual state, *death* in its influence upon the ungodly, and *death* in its effects upon the Church, it be-

comes my solemn duty, as the overseer of Christ's flock, to raise a warning voice against *the spirit of the world*.

Your attention to my personal comfort, and your general respect for my office, have been truly exemplary, and call for my grateful acknowledgments. Still it has not been without pain, that I have sometimes witnessed among professing Christians, a greater anxiety to extend to me a profuse hospitality, than to receive at my hands, *the bread of life*. I hope I may not be misunderstood. It is by no means my wish to repress the emotions of generous feeling, or to interpose any obstacle to a free and cheerful intercourse with the people of my charge; but only to hinder, as much as possible, a perversion of the true objects of my visitation; to prevent its becoming, instead of a spiritual and holy entertainment, an occasion of mere worldly indulgence and gratification.

Dear Brethren, mine is a spiritual office. As the ambassador of Christ, I bear to you his great message of mercy and truth. What account shall I give to my master, if I am welcomed with kindness, while *his* message is set at naught? If I receive your temporal good things, while you do not permit me, according to my mission, to dispense to you the rich and everlasting treasures of the Gospel?

Since the date of my last Address, I have confirmed one hundred and fifteen persons;—admitted Harvey Stanly, a candidate for Holy Orders; John Singletary to the Holy Order of Deacons, and the Rev. John M. Robinson, the Rev. Robert Shaw, the Rev. Seth S. Rogers, and the Rev. William N. Hawks, to the Holy Order of Priests.

The present candidates for Holy Orders in our Diocese are, William Spear, Samuel J. Johnson, Edward Forbes, John De Berniere Hooper, Cameron F. Mac Rae, John H. Drummond and Harvey Stanly. Two of whom, William Spear and Edward Forbes, are still at the *General Theological Seminary* of our Church in New York; one, Cameron F. Mac Rae, is at the *Theological Seminary* in Alexandria, D. C., and the remaining four are pursuing their theological studies under the direction of Presbyters of this Diocese.

The changes during the past year among our Clergy, are the following: the Rev. Mr. Cairns has taken letters of dismissal to the Diocese of N. York; the Rev. John M. Robinson has removed to Alabama, but wishes for the present to remain connected with this Diocese. The Rev. Thomas F. Davis has accepted the Rectorship of St. James's Church, Wilmington, and removed to that place. The Rev. Wm. N. Hawks has removed from St. Peter's Church, Washington, and taken charge of the Missionary Station in Craven, Lenoir and Pitt Counties. The Rev. T. S. W. Mott has removed from the last named Station to the one at Oxford, Granville County, and at Louisburg, Franklin County. The Rev. Wm. Norwood has removed from the Missionary Station at Scotland Neck, Halifax County, and Tarborough, Edgecombe County, and taken charge of St. John's Church, Williamsborough, and of Immanuel Church, Warrenton. The Rev. Joseph H. Saunders has removed from the last named place, and become the Chaplain of the *Episcopal School of North Carolina*, at Raleigh. The Rev. Robert Shaw has removed from the Missionary Station at Oxford and Williamsborough, to the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church; Washington. The Rev. Philip B. Wiley has left the Rectorship of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, and taken charge of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pitsboro-

rough. The Rev. Mr. Singletary has taken charge of the Missionary Station at Scotland Neck and Tarborough. The Rev. David Griffith and the Rev. Samuel Rowland have been received into this Diocese, by letters of dismission from the Bishop of New York; the former has been acting as a Missionary in connexion with the Rev. Mr. Miller, of Burke County, and the latter as a Missionary in Perquimons and Pasquotank Counties.

In conclusion, Brethren, it becomes me to urge anew upon your attention, those great objects which demand the vigorous and united action of this Diocese.

While, for the support of our general institutions, your limited means, as a Church, will not permit you to do much, yet I could wish that your zeal had led you to do more. If nothing further than as an acknowledgment of our duty, and an expression of our good will, it is desirable that we give something annually for these important objects.

As to our Diocesan institutions, we cannot be negligent, and claim to be regarded friends of the Church.

Our Missionary Society, so indispensable to the existence and growth of our small Parishes, has hitherto received a liberal patronage. However, were its ability increased, much more might be effected. I have for some time been convinced of its being an urgent duty to extend, so far as possible, the ministrations of the Gospel to those scattered members of the Church, who, owing to their remoteness from our places of worship, either remain entirely destitute of the means of grace, or resort to other communions for them. Of such there are many in different parts of the State; and who, if blest with only occasional services, would ultimately become the nucleus of almost as many congregations. The only method of extending such services, which now appears to me practicable, is that of appointing a *General Missionary*, whose entire exertions may be given to these dispersed and hitherto neglected members of our fold. Whether the state of the Missionary treasury will admit of this step, may be determined at the annual meeting of the Society to be held on one of the last days of this week. Attention to which, I trust, it is now unnecessary to urge.

The other Diocesan institution pressing upon us an imperious claim, is our *Episcopal School*.

The causes that moved to the establishment of this institution are increasing every day. My last visitation has supplied me with facts and information tending greatly to strengthen my former convictions of its immense importance to the preservation of holiness and truth.

To the parent, solicitous for the security of his sons from that spirit of reckless prodigality and unrestrained indulgence, now so rapidly extending its fatal influence into every department, either of moral or civil action, and already felt in the ruin of some of our best families, and the alarming decay of all our fair institutions; the *Episcopal School* provides a safeguard, in the holy principles that form its basis, to which no one can be indifferent, who is not himself already under the power of this moral death.

But what Episcopal parent can open his eyes upon the causes of *spiritual* error and delusion, every hour multiplying and gaining extension in our land, and not desire protection for his children? What *Episcopal* parent can witness the blighting effects of those means of *religious excitement* now so popular, and so industriously employed among us—can behold them resulting in an utter destruction of that unity among his disciples, for

which our Lord so earnestly prayed—resulting in an almost endless multiplication of conflicting sects—in an alarming increase of the wildest and most pernicious errors—in a growing disposition to decry the sacraments and ordinances of the Gospel—to substitute heated passion and noisy irregularity for the retiring devotions of *a humble and contrite heart*, and the holy and subordinative principles of godly living—resulting, through their extravagant, illiberal, and offensive exhibitions and demands, in a fearful accession to the ranks of infidelity and profaneness. Yea, what Christian parent can turn from this sickening contemplation, and not desire for his child, an asylum from practices so unauthorised and destructive, in the scriptural doctrines, the orderly worship, and the Apostolic Ministry, of the Church—a Church so long, so happily, so entirely united. Let parents bear in mind, then, that for the enjoyment of these blessings, ample provision is made in the *Episcopal School* of our Diocese.

But, Brethren of the Convention, we have put our hand to this work, and we cannot draw back. We have consulted the public demand—have pledged ourselves to meet it; have excited high anticipations, and *we must go forward*. Our honour, our faith, our prosperity as a Church, are all deeply concerned in this matter—in a united and strenuous effort for success. And if such an effort be made *we shall succeed*.

The Report of our *Executive Committee* will convince you, that they have spared no pains to fulfil their important trust. To secure to the *Episcopal School* the confidence and patronage of the public, the committee have withheld no labour in digesting and maturing a system of instruction and discipline, in obtaining Teachers, and in furnishing accommodations for pupils, required to render the institution at least equal in its claims to any in the United States. But that which will be indispensable to the perfecting of their labors, is *your liberal and united support, both in reference to pupils and to funds*.

Whatever may be the ultimate ability of such an establishment to sustain itself, its beginning necessarily demands foreign help. For such help the Episcopal School must rely upon the bounty and patronage of Episcopalians.

So far as that has been appealed to in our Diocese, the indications are friendly. But from impaired health I was obliged to relinquish my object of making a general application for funds, in connection with the duties of my last visitation. I hope, however, after the rising of this Convention, to extend my exertions.

But, beloved Brethren, we are all equally interested in this matter, and should need no prompting to our duty. An Institution which we, *as a Church*, have established, *as a Church* we should feel bound to sustain. And our duty here will be easily discharged, if each Episcopalian will regard his obligation.

We talk of giving to this object as though it were a charity to others. But let us reflect that it is only to help ourselves. An appropriation, by united consent, to secure a rich legacy to our children—richer, by far, than the most extended earthly treasures. An appropriation, which is to yield us the peaceable fruits of righteousness here, and the just expectation of durable riches and righteousness for ourselves and our offspring, forever hereafter.

Other topics have suggested themselves to my mind, but I find them too numerous to be noticed in this already protracted address.

That the truth of God may be our guide, and his spirit our sanctification and defence, let us, Brethren of the Clergy and the Laity, continue to unite our faithful endeavors and most earnest prayers.

LEVI SILLIMAN IVES,
Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in N. C.

Parochial Reports were then called for, and laid on the Secretary's table; when, on motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Mott, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, from Isaiah, 1st chapter and 18th verse.

4 O'CLOCK.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Parochial Reports were read, as follows:

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rector.

Baptisms, Adult 1, Infants 10,	11
Confirmations,	10
Communicants—last report	112
Died, removed, &c.	2
	— 110
Added,	10
Present number,	— 120
Marriages,	2
Deaths,	5
Sunday School—Male Teachers 8, Female do. 20,	28
Male Scholars 45, Female do. 106,	151
Collections—Episcopal Assessment,	\$100
Contingent do.	25

The Rector reports, that the last Conventional year was one of severe trial to his Parish. Owing to a defect in the construction of the roof of the Church edifice, serious apprehensions, as to the security of the building, were generally entertained by the congregation. An unwillingness to attend the services of the Sanctuary, having been confirmed by increasing evidences of danger, the necessary repairs were commenced, under circumstances of no ordinary embarrassment and difficulty. The Rector, however, whilst bearing a testimony to the noble liberality and Christian zeal of his people, would express his devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for His gracious blessing upon a work begun under doubts of its practicability and successful termination.

During the season of interrupted ordinances, it is with joyful thankfulness reported, that no numerical loss has been sustained in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. The privilege of again assembling before their beloved altar, has been duly estimated by the congregation; and in humble reliance upon the grace and protection of our exalted Shepherd, the cheer-

ing hope is enjoyed, that hereafter, as before, the interests of the Saviour's kingdom will be extended among us.

The several Societies connected with this Parish continue in their prosperous state; but the great expenditure, from the cause above stated, has prevented the transmission of the usual donation to the Missionary Society.

J. R. GOODMAN, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. T. F. Davis, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 5, colored 4,	9
Confirmations—white 8, colored 4,	12
Communicants—decrease, removed,	3
Added,	7
Total, coloured 23, white 144,	167
Marriages, colored,	3
Burials,	6
Families,	100
Sunday School—Male Teachers 6, Female do. 13,	19
Scholars,	138
Bible Class—Female class 28, Male do. 8,	36
Volumes in Parish Library,	700
Volumes in Sunday School Library,	250
Moneys received—For Episcopate,	\$100
Contingent Fund,	25
Missionary Society,	100
Total,	\$225

The Rector took charge of this Parish in December last. For a period of several months, from immediately after the last Convention until my arrival in December, it had been deprived of the regular services of a Minister; and therefore must have suffered the disadvantages consequent upon such deprivation. It is hoped, however, and believed, that no serious decline in religion has taken place, within the last year. The congregation has been indebted to the Rev. Mr. Burke, who preached for them when they were deprived of a Rector. The colored congregation organized by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, is still continued; and although not so numerously attended as at the first, is thought to be accompanied with blessing upon those who do attend. The Ladies' Working Society is now supporting a Charity School of about forty members. The congregation has given \$52 to the General Missionary Society of the Church.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 21, colored 1,	22
Adults, white 1, colored 1,	2
Total,	24
Confirmations—white 2, colored 6,	8

Communicants—decrease, by death 2, by removal 2,	4
Additions, white	7
Present number, white 105, col'd 48,	153
Marriages,	3
Burials,	4

Other particulars as before reported.

Moneys collected—For Missionary Society,	\$30
Episcopate,	100
Contingent Fund,	25

— \$155

The Rector of this Congregation, with acknowledgments to the Author of all good, reports the continued prosperity of his charge. During the past year, unusual expenditures have been made in executing plans deemed essential to the permanent welfare of this congregation. Among these, the purchase of a Rectory, with ample grounds, has proved the successful effort of female enterprize and devotion to the Church. The Institutions connected with this congregation continue efficient in promoting the welfare of many.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 7,	8
Communicants—removed 2, added 4, total	52
Confirmations,	4
Burials,	8
Sunday School—Scholars,	30
Teachers,	6
Number of vols. in the Parish and S. S. Library,	187
Moneys received—For the Missionary Society,	\$73
Episcopate and Contingent Fund,	50

The state of this Church has not materially changed during the past year. The Rector, having recovered his health, has established a Bible Class, and also has given instruction to the colored people. These additional services, he hopes, will contribute to the spiritual interests of the Church. The Ladies' Working Society has continued its exertions with unabated industry and success. The Sunday School, though not enlarged, has been regularly attended. The Parish and Sunday School Library has received a number of additional volumes. The Church and its Institutions are in as favorable a state as could reasonably be expected, under the external circumstances of a diminishing population and decreasing business.

JOHN AVERY, *Rector.*

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants 5, adult 1,	6
Confirmations,	8

Communicants—added,	9
Died 2, removed 1,	3
Present number,	59
Marriages,	3
Burials—of the congregation, 3 adults; not of the congregation, 2 do.	5
Families,	35
Adults,	105
Sunday School—Male Teachers 5, Female do. 8,	13
Male Scholars 15, Female do. 25,	40
Vols. in Library,	109
Moneys received—For Missionary Society, annual subscriptions \$52; sale of Ravenscroft's	
Works and Prayer Books \$11 30	63 30
For Bishop's Salary and Cont't Fund,	65
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	\$128 30

It is with heartfelt satisfaction and humble thankfulness to the Giver of all spiritual good, that the steady and continued growth of this congregation is announced. At no former period have the services of the Church been so generally and constantly attended, as at the present time. An evidence of the increase of the congregation is furnished by the fact, that it has been found necessary to enlarge the accommodations of the Church. This has been effected by the erection of side galleries, which are capable of seating nearly one hundred persons. It is proper, however, to mention, that the increase of the congregation is in part owing to additions made to our population by removal. Of the *communicants* reported above as *added*, four have been transferred from other congregations.

Concerning the *spiritual improvement* of the congregation, while, perhaps, there is no special cause of discouragement, it is felt that there is likewise no ground for confident boasting. Though there are not wanting among us encouraging examples of ardent and self-denying devotion to the service of the Redeemer, with grief it is confessed, that there are yet some who are not altogether free from the charge of seeking their own, and not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

The Female Working Society continues its praiseworthy and useful labors—the proceeds of which are now appropriated to aid in liquidating a debt contracted by the congregation in the purchase of a Rectory.

Besides the official acts of the Rector, reported above, he has visited, by request, Banks' Chapel, in Granville county, where he preached and baptised 5 infants and 3 adults, all in one family.

GEO. W. FREEMAN, *Rector*.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. William M. Green, Rector.

Baptisms—5 white adults, 3 colored do.; 9 white infants, 1 colored do.	18
Confirmations—5 white, 3 colored,	8
Marriage,	1

Communicants—Number last year,	58
Added,	9
Removed 3, suspended 1,	4
Present number,	63
Death, (infant)	1
Families,	17
Adults,	52
Sunday School—Volumes in Library,	250
Female Scholars 17, Male do. 14,	31
Female Teachers 4, Male do. 1,	5
Catechumens,	
Moneys received—For the Episcopate,	8
Contingent Fund,	
Missionary Society,	

This congregation has suffered much by emigration during the last year, notwithstanding it appears to be numerically stronger than it was twelve months ago. The increase in the number of communicants and adults of the congregation, is to be attributed chiefly to the fact, that several individuals in the adjacent parts of the county, who have not, of late years, been included in any parochial report, are now reported in this.

The services of the Church have been generally attended with punctuality and seriousness, though with many interruptions on account of the unusual severity of the late season. The congregation is gradually relieving itself of the burthen of debt which has impeded its progress from its first organization. The Rector's Bible Class, though small in number, continues to "give all diligence" to learn and profit by the word of God. The weekly Lecture, which was resumed immediately after the last Convention, had again to be suspended in consequence of the inclemency of the Winter, and the delicate state of the Rector's health.

The number of Scholars in the Sunday School is less than formerly; but the comparatively few who do attend, are favored with the instruction of enlightened, pious and affectionate Teachers.

The labors of the Ladies' Working Society are still exerted with a wholesome and blessing effect on the interests of the congregation. They have zealously undertaken to pay a considerable portion of the Church debt.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL.

The state of this congregation remains the same as at the last Convention. As the Rector has no spare Sundays to devote to the few members of our communion who live convenient to this Chapel, he has commenced, and will continue, officiating there at least one Saturday in the month.

Confirmations,	2
Communicants, including those at Salem Chapel,	15

SALEM CHAPEL.

I have continued, as heretofore, to officiate at this place one Sunday in each month. The congregation is generally devout and attentive. The communicants are included in the above report of St. Mary's Chapel.

In November last, I baptised one white and four colored children in St. James's Parish, Wilmington; and one infant in Bladen county.

W. M. GREEN, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Robert Shaw, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, white 2, colored 1,	3
Infants, white,	11
	— 14
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—decrease by death and removals,	5
Additions,	4
Total, white 60, colored 2,	62
Marriage, (not of the congregation,)	1
Burials—Adult 2, children 3,	5
Not of the congregation,	3
	— 8
Sunday School—Male Teachers 5, Female do. 6,	11
Male Scholars 21, Female do. 32,	53
Moneys received—For Episcopate,	\$30
Contingent Fund,	10

It is with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that I am able to report, that the spiritual and temporal interests of this Parish are as encouraging as formerly. The devout and regular attendance of the congregation, generally, on the services of the Church, manifests, we hope, a growing disposition for holy things. A Vestry Room has recently been completed. The Sunday School continues in a prosperous condition. The Female Industrious Society still pursues the even tenor of its way, causing the heart of the widow and the destitute to rejoice.

R. SHAW, *Rector.*

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Baptisms, infants,	2
Confirmations,	5
Marriages,	3
Burial, adult,	1
Communicants—decrease by death,	1
Additions,	5
Present number,	40
Sunday School—Scholars,	25
Teachers,	6
Collected for Assessment,	\$35

This congregation were deprived, soon after the last Convention, of regular ministrations, by the removal of their Rector to another part of the Diocese. Since the 1st of November, they have had occasional services, but not of sufficient frequency to prevent injury to the interests of the Church. The Vestry are desirous to procure a Minister; and we hope that God, in his great goodness, will soon provide for them one after his

own heart, and who shall be instrumental in repairing the injury which so long a privation has caused.

JOSHUA SKINNER, } *Delegates*
JOHN McMORINE, } *of*
JOHN B. MUSE, } *Christ's Church.*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY, CHRIST'S CHURCH,
ROWAN, AND PARTS ADJACENT.

Rev. John Morgan, Rector.

Baptisms—Salisbury, 8 adults, 15 infants, 3 colored,	26
Christ's Ch. 19 do. 1 do.	20
Iredell county, 10 do.	10
Charlotte, 1 adult, 5 do.	6
Mecklenburg, 1 do.	1
	— 62
Marriages—Christ's Church 1, Salisbury 3,	4
Confirmed—Salisbury, white 6, colored 1,	7
Charlotte, white 4,	4
	— 11
New communicants—Salisbury, white 6, colored 1,	7
Christ's Church, white 2,	2
Charlotte, white 3,	3
	— 12
Deaths—Christ's Church, adults 2, infants 3,	5
Salisbury, adults 3, infants 4, colored 1,	8
Lexington, adult 1,	1
	— 14
Number of communicants—Salisbury, white 19, col'd 1,	20
Christ's Ch. " 75, " 1,	76
Charlotte, " 3,	3
	— 99

One communicant at Christ's Church has died.

Collected for Bishop's Fund,

\$17 50

In addition to the above tabular view of my Parishes, it may be proper to say, that so far as I can learn, the prospects of my field are improving. There has been one third increase in the number of the members of St. Luke's Church. It is also with pleasure I have to inform the Convention, that we have ordered an Organ: the Ladies, (as usual,) deserving most, if not all, the credit of it. We hope, ere the next visit of our Diocesan, to have the organ in its place.

The congregation in Rowan is decidedly improving in regard to the numbers who regularly attend; and I trust in knowledge and grace and zeal. It is anticipated, that at the visit of the Bishop, a considerable number will "subscribe with their right hands to the Lord." Measures are also in operation to finish the gallery, in order to accommodate the coloured people.

It belongs to my report to add, that in order to meet the pressing wants of Charlotte and Lincolnton, (in each of which places there is a good prospect that soon there will be a Church, "founded on the Apostles and Pro-

phets," I go to both places every fifth week. In concluding this account of my labors and prospects, I would desire to express my deepest gratitude and thanks to the Great Head of the Church, for whatever of success has attended my ministrations during the past year—for whatever there is in the state of my field that promises a harvest from labors yet to be put forth.

JOHN MORGAN, *Rector.*

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. T. F. Davis, late Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 4, colored 6,	10
Adults, whites,	7
	— 17
Confirmations—white 6, colored 1,	7
Communicants—decrease, by removal,	3
Additions,	5
Present number, white 24, colored 6,	30
Marriages, white 1, colored 1,	2
Sunday School—Female Teachers 4, Male do. 2,	6
Female Scholars 21, Male do. 20,	41
Moneys received—For the Episcopate,	\$10
Contingent Fund,	5

I ministered to this Parish from the last Convention until December last, one half of the time. Since which period it has been deprived of the services of a Minister; but the ordinary services of the Church have been supplied by Lay Readers appointed by the Bishop at his last visit to Wadesborough. The above table exhibits the present very interesting condition of this Church, which, united to their long-tried affection for the Church, gives them a strong claim upon our sympathies, and calls for our prayers to the Great Bishop and Shepherd of souls, that he would send a shepherd to these now destitute sheep of his pasture. I hope it will be allowed me to express in this public manner, my unfeigned sense of affection and gratitude to this people for their most unwearied and undeserved kindness to me during the whole period I stood related to them as their Minister; and to testify to their faithful walk and conversation as Christians.

I baptised during the last Summer, at a small congregation in Moore county, 5 white and 7 colored infants, and 1 colored adult.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON, AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. William Norwood, Rector.

Having had charge of the congregations of Immanuel Church, Warrenton, and of St. John's Church, Williamsborough, only for two months, the Rector can only make a statistical statement of the condition of these congregations:

Immanuel Church, Warrenton.

Baptisms, infants,	3
Confirmations, (none held, but several candidates.)	
Marriages,	2
Funeral,	1
Communicants—decrease by death,	1
Additions,	4
Present number,	31

St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

Baptisms—Infants	4
Confirmations,	2
Funerals,	1
Communicants—Reported at the last Convention,	18
Decrease, by removal 2, by death 1,	3
Present number,	15

WILLIAM NORWOOD, *Rector.*

BANKS' CHAPEL.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Minister.

Baptisms—5 white adults, 4 white infants, 3 col'd do.	12
Confirmations,	4
Burial,	1

The Church not having had even a beginning, at this place, until the last year, its progress has been small, as will be seen from the above statement. This is chiefly to be attributed, perhaps, to the deep-rooted prejudices of the neighborhood, in favor of another denomination, which, from time immemorial, has there uniformly had the ascendancy. It is believed, however, that these feelings have measurably subsided.

Your Missionary has frequently preached at Kean's Store, and expects to do so regularly. The prospects here are thought to be favorable.

LEWIS TAYLOR, *Minister.*

LOWER CREEK, BURKE COUNTY.

Rev. David Griffiths, Missionary.

I arrived at Lower Creek, Burke county, on the 23d of December 1833, and remained in that vicinity till the 24th of April 1834. During my stay, I preached three times at St. Andrew's Church, three times at St. John's Chapel, twice at the Rev. Mr. Miller's, twice at a school house between Lower Creek and Fort Defiance, once at the Mulberry Meeting-House, twice at the Grove Meeting-House, head of the Yadkin, and four times at Morganton. Other appointments were made, but could not be fulfilled, on account of bad weather. I distributed 12 Prayer Books. There are but few Episcopalians in the neighborhood of Lower Creek—the number of communicants is from 15 to 18. What is greatly needed in that section of the State, are *Tracts* to inform people what the Church is.

DAVID GRIFFITHS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BURKE COUNTY.

Rev. Robert J. Miller, Rector.

All that I can do, in my present situation, is, to state to the Convention, the melancholy state of the few families that still remain, at least in name, attached to the small congregation of St. Andrew's, in Burke county. They consist of ten families, containing twenty five adult persons, who are all members of the Church, and most of them communicants. They are all living within a circle of 15 or 16 miles; but there has been no Vestry chosen by them since the year 1829, and two of those who were then acting are since dead. In consequence of this no collections have been made. This, in a very great measure, has arisen from my uncertain attendance on the appointments that were made for me, being very often prevented by sudden and severe attacks of a painful complaint that I am afflicted with, although enjoying in other respects a good state of health for one of my age. These are circumstances over which, in my present situation, I have little or no control; nevertheless, I would most humbly and earnestly beseech the Convention on their behalf to exercise pity and sympathy for them a little longer, until it shall please God in his good and wise providence, to permit our beloved Diocesan to visit them, when I hope that a more favorable prospect will arise.

A small Chapel has been built near John's River, where two of the families live.

The following is a statement of my imperfect ministrations since the last return to the Convention of the year 1829:—

In that year, after the Convention, baptised two adults and one infant, married two couple, and buried one of the Vestry.

In the year 1830, baptised three infants, married one couple, and buried three influential members. 16 communicants.

In the year 1831, baptised two infants, and married one couple.

In the year 1832, baptised two infants, and married three couple. 15 communicants.

In the year 1833, baptised five infants at Beatty's Ford and two at St. Andrew's, and married two couple. At Easter communion in 1834, 19 communicants.

In all, I have baptised two adults and seventeen infants, married seven couple, and buried four persons.

I regret that no collections have been made for so long a time, but yet hope the people will soon come to a better mind.

R. JOHNSTONE MILLER, *Rector.**

On motion, Abner P. Neale was appointed to receive moneys on behalf of the Treasurer.

The committee on unfinished business of the last Convention, called up the following Canon, then proposed by Walker Anderson, and, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, laid on the table:

CANON.—“Every Theological Student, who shall receive an appoint-

*NOTE.—It is presumed that a Report from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro', was made to the Convention; but none has come into the hands of the printer, and the deficiency was not perceived until too late to have it supplied.

ment under the North Carolina Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, shall hereafter be considered as under an obligation to minister at least 12 months after his ordination, within the bounds of the Diocese."

Which, on motion of Richard Hines, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The report of the Committee of the Episcopal School of North Carolina, being called for, the Rev. Mr. Freeman, in behalf of said Committee, presented a Report, which was read, and, with accompanying papers, was, on motion, referred to the Committee of five, two of the Clergy and three of the Laity, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Avery and Freeman, Professor Anderson, Joshua Skinner, and Abner P. Neale. (Appointed yesterday, and omitted in the minutes of that day.)

The following Delegates appeared and took their seats, viz: John H. Bryan and James W. Bryan, from Christ's Church, Newbern; John B. Muse, from Christ's Church, Elizabeth City; Joseph R. Lloyd, from Calvary Church, Tarborough.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Officers, Committees, and Delegates to the General Convention, be the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Friday, 9 o'clock A. M.

At night, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Morgan, from 1st Corinthians, 3d chapter and 11th verse.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers read by the Bishop,

The roll being called, the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, John H. Bryan, Dr. S. J. Baker, and J. R. Lloyd, were added to the School Committee.

Certificates of Delegation were then presented from the following Churches, viz:

St. Thomas's Church, Craven County—John M. Bryan, Jesse Noble, Richard G. Fonville, Thomas J. Pasteur.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville—Charles P. Mallett, John W. Wright, Charles T. Haigh, Lallerstedt Mallett.

St. Thomas's Church, Beaufort County—Thomas Ellison, Gabriel Robeson, M. C. Archbell, P. M. Bryan.

Of whom Jesse Noble and Thomas Ellison appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. J. B. Buxton, and John Cox, delegate from St. Paul's Church, Edenton, also appeared and took their seats.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented, and referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of five,—three Clergymen and two Laymen.

The order of the day being then called up, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee and the Delegates to the General Convention: and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Green, Freeman, and Saunders, Professor Anderson, and Gavin Hogg, were elected to compose the Standing Committee;

And that the Rev. Messrs. Green, Freeman, Avery, and Davis, and Messrs. Gavin Hogg, James W. Bryan, Joshua Skinner, and Professor Anderson, were elected Delegates to the General Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Buxton, *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be authorised to draw upon the Treasurer of the same, and to remit to the Secretary of the General Convention, the sum of \$19, in payment of the quota of contingent expenses levied upon this Diocese.

Convention then adjourned, to meet at half past 3 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Avery, from St. Matthew, 11th chapter and 12th verse.

HALF PAST 3 O'CLOCK.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Convention be held in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, on the first Wednesday in June, 1835.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed Canon relative to the Congregations in connection with the Church in this Diocese, and the Canon proposed yesterday concerning Delegates to the Convention, ask leave to report,—That they do not consider any such Canon as that first named, as requisite or expedient. It is not the interest of the Church to reduce the number of the congregations, or to impose upon them rigorous terms. Situated as many of our congregations are, and little conversant as many of them are, and for a long time will be, with the modes of procedure pursued by the Convention, and of its annual doings, it would be impracticable to establish any general rule, to operate upon all the congregations, which would not be often productive of injurious and undesired effects, to prevent which every general rule would have to be subject to so many exceptions, as to be the source of confusion and contention. At present, it is competent for the Convention to determine upon each particular case, as equity toward the particular congregation and the interest of the Diocese may require.

In relation to the Canon proposed yesterday by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, concerning Delegates to the Convention, the committee recommend, that instead of adopting said Canon, the following words be added to the 3d Article of the Constitution: "and from among the members of such congregation;" making the 2d clause of the said article to read thus: "Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention, one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the congregation, *and from among the members of such congregation.*"

Which report, (requiring two-thirds of the members present to approve) was rejected, by a vote of 27 to 17.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Saturday at 3 o'clock P. M.

Service at night by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Mott, from 1st Epistle of John, 5th chap. and last clause of the 19th verse.

On Saturday morning, Service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Avery, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from 2d Corinthians,

5th chap. and 11th verse. Baptism was administered to one white and one colored adult, and confirmation to nine white and three colored persons.

SATURDAY, 10th MAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

After which the following certificate of Delegation was handed in:

St. James's Church, Greenville—Wm. Pugh, Archibald Tison, Henry Chamberlain, Henry Toole.

Of whom Henry Chamberlain and Archibald Tison appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on the State of the Church being called for, presented the following Report, which was accepted:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

It is with unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, that the Committee report to the Convention, the continued prosperity of the Church in this Diocese. In the sure, though slow progress amongst us of "the truth as it is in Jesus," we recognize the fulfilment of the promise made by our Divine Head, "to be with the ministers of Apostolic succession to the end of the world." While, however, we thus express our grateful joy and confidence, it is proper also to admit, that there is abundant cause of humiliation in the reflection, that an equally sure and a more rapid accession of "such as will be saved," might have been made to the Church, had the zeal and faithfulness and spiritual mindedness of both Clergy and Laity more nearly corresponded to the solemn importance of the cause, in the advancing of which, we are unitedly engaged.

We believe, that if to the union of effort and sentiment, and the intelligent and affectionate regard for the pure doctrines and primitive worship of the Church, which have always characterized us as a Diocese, were added an increased devotedness to the promotion of this cause in *all* its claims upon us, and a more entire non-conformity to the world in our individual characters, a far higher degree of success would be ensured to our labours. To this expression of their views, which is made in all the humility that a sense of common guilt can beget, the Committee are prompted by the scriptural and earnest remonstrance of our Diocesan, in his Journal read to this Convention, against a conformity to the world, fatal to personal religion, and injurious to the common interests of Christianity. Sanctioned as this counsel is, by his own labour and self-denial,—it is hoped that it will be received "with meekness," and be followed by, at least, all *confirmed* and *communicant* members of the Church. Then indeed, will our beloved Zion be clothed in *all* her glorious garments, and receive from an admiring world, the honors due to the Bride of the Redeemer.

The Episcopal Journal and the Parochial and Missionary Reports present the following aggregate, viz:—258 Baptisms, 115 Confirmations, 1080 Communicants, 3 Churches consecrated, 3 edifices for public worship in different stages of advancement, 5 Ordinations, (1 to the Order of Deacons and 4 to that of Priests,) 7 Candidates for Orders, and 10 Sunday Schools, in which are 66 Teachers and 656 Scholars. This summary is believed to be more nearly correct than any which has been given for some years past,

the statistics of almost every Church in the Diocese having been reported to this Convention, a circumstance which the Committee notice with unfeigned pleasure. There are now connected with this Diocese, besides the Bishop, 20 Clergymen, of whom 17 are Presbyters and 3 are Deacons.—One of these Presbyters is officiating in Alabama.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

PHILIP B. WILEY.

The Committee of Finance then handed in the following Report, which was read and accepted:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance respectfully beg leave to report—That they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts for the last Conventional year, and find them in every respect correct.

They have also examined the Securities for money invested, and believe them to be in every instance sufficient. In regard, however, to this part of the subject, they would recommend that the Treasurer be directed to procure, where it is practicable, two names besides that of the principal, as securities on each note, and that of the three names, two at least be of undoubted credit. They also recommend that the Treasurer be directed to loan such moneys as may come into the Treasury so as to be made payable at the discretion of the Treasurer, that if the ensuing Convention should deem it expedient to invest the moneys of the fund in Bank Stock, no difficulty may occur in effecting the change. They recommend that no change in the investments be made at present.

The fund as vested in the manner above mentioned amounts to the sum of \$9,500 including the interest due on the bonds, and there is still something due on the original subscription, from which, however, according to the report of the Treasurer, but little can be realized. This fund your committee earnestly recommend to the care of the Convention, that it may be preserved inviolably for the purposes of its original destination.

Your committee recommend the following schedule of assessments on the several congregations, for the payment of the Bishop's salary and for the contingent expenses of the Convention. It is founded on the assessment for the last year, a few slight alterations only being made to suit the altered circumstances of some parishes.

S. J. BAKER, *Chairman.*

Rates of Assessments on the different Congregations, for the Bishop's Salary and the Contingent Fund, for the year 1834.

	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Fund.
St. James's, Wilmington,	\$100	\$25
St. John's, Fayetteville,	100	25
Christ's Church, Newbern,	100	25
St. Paul's, Edenton,	50	15
St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange C'ty.	30	10
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	50	15
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	40	10
Carried forward,	\$470	\$125

Brought forward,	\$470	\$125
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,	25	10
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	20	5
Christ's Church, Rowan,	15	5
Immanuel Church, Warrenton,	15	5
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	15	5
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County,	10	5
St. Thomas's Chapel, Bath,	8	3
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,	10	5
St. Thomas's Church, Craven County,	8	3
St. Mary's Church, Kinston,	10	5
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	10	5
St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	15	5
St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,	15	3
St. John's Church, Durham's Creek,	8	3
Zion Chapel, Beaufort County,	8	3
Calvary Church, Tarborough,	10	5
St. James's Church, Pitt County,	10	5
Missionary Station, Windsor,	10	5
St. John's Church, Burke County,	10	5
	<hr/> \$702	<hr/> \$215

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, whereupon John W. Wright, Esq. was unanimously elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee of the Episcopal School of North Carolina, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:

The Committee on the Episcopal School, to whom were referred sundry documents in relation to said School, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the Report of the Committee called the School Committee, on the general subject of that Institution made to this Convention, and find in it much cause of gratulation to the friends of the Church; they believe the Committee have discharged the trust confided to them, in a manner calculated to place the School at once upon a highly respectable footing, by the employment of eminently qualified officers, and by the adoption of such minor regulations as the exigencies of this important institution demanded.

The Report of the Treasurer is correct, and the disbursements, though large, seem to be only commensurate with the magnitude of the object the Convention has proposed to accomplish.

Of the sum of \$4,600 which is reported to be due by the Committee, it appears that about \$3,000 is absolutely required to be raised in the shortest possible time, while the remainder, \$1,600, constituting a bond given for the purchase of Land, may be continued in that condition somewhat longer. On a reference to the subscription list, it is thought that considerably more than \$2,000 is now due, and may be collected when the necessary measures are taken for that purpose. And it also appears, that many of the friends of the Church in the Diocese, have not yet had an opportunity of subscribing to the School Fund. By providing for the double object of col-

lecting these present dues and obtaining new subscriptions, it is hoped and believed by your Committee, that the required sum of \$3,000 may be raised; and in order to increase the probability of success, they would respectfully suggest to such subscribers as are not in arrears, the consideration of anticipating, where it is convenient, the payment for the next year. They propose a resolution for the appointment of an Agent, to accomplish this object.

The Committee scarcely deem it necessary to urge upon the School Committee any considerations of caution, in contracting any further responsibilities, not imperatively demanded by the interests of the School—they are aware, as well as the members of your Committee, of the limited means of the Diocese, and though we all agree that no expense and effort in our power should be withheld, we will all, doubtless, be equally unanimous in deprecating the accumulation of a debt beyond our ability to discharge.

Your Committee report a Resolution in relation to the charter granted by the last Legislature, in which a different disposition of it is proposed from that which is recommended by the School Committee. It is hoped that some amendments to the charter may be procured, and if not, it is believed its acceptance in its present form would be desirable, when a total destitution of all corporate powers would be the alternative.

Your Committee forbear at this time, to enter into the minute details of penal discipline contained in the report of the sub-committee, and recommend the same to the careful attention and revision of the School Committee, believing that it will be made to comport with the formation of that elevated, honorable and Christian character which it is a main object of this institution to produce.

The Committee have embodied their views, including some on which no comment is necessary, in a set of resolutions, which they respectfully present, and recommend to the Convention for adoption.

Resolved, That the consideration of the acceptance of the Charter of Incorporation granted by the Legislature to the Episcopal School, be postponed until the next Annual Convention, and that the School Committee be instructed to make an effort at the next session of the Legislature to have the Charter so amended as to make it more nearly accord with the views of the Committee as contained in their report.

Resolved, That the Committee consist as heretofore, of 4 Clerical and 8 Lay members, but that only five of the members be required to constitute a quorum competent to the transaction of business, provided that there be at least 1 Clerical and 2 Lay members present at such meetings.

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to remit to the Sons of all Clergymen of this Diocese who may be Students of the School, the annual charge for tuition, requiring from such of them as may be boarders, only \$125 per annum.

Resolved, That if funds sufficient for the erection of a House for the Bishop be at any time raised, and it be desirable to those who have the charge of such undertaking, the Committee be authorized to assign a certain portion or portions of ground for its location, from the lot belonging to the Episcopal School, and not exceeding in all ten acres.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint some Clergyman or other person to accompany him in the visitation he is making to the Con-

gregations, with a view of soliciting subscriptions, whose duty it shall be to aid the Bishop in the proposed object and especially in collecting the subscriptions already due.

Resolved, That as a difference of opinion exists as to the particular dates on which the subscriptions for the several successive years are due, it be declared as the sense of this Convention, that the subscriptions for each year are due and payable on the day appointed for the annual meetings of the Convention for that year—that for 1854. being now due.

WALKER ANDERSON, *Chairman*.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a School Committee for the ensuing year, and on counting the ballots, the following named persons were declared duly elected, viz: the Rev. Dr. Avery, the Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Green, and Singletary, and Messrs. George E. Badger, Duncan Cameron, Gavin Hogg, F. J. Hill, Simmons J. Baker, Thos. P. Devereux, George E. Spruill, and E. L. Winslow.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church be printed in pamphlet form and interleaved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 700 copies of this Journal be printed.

On motion of Joseph R. Lloyd, *Resolved*, that the amendment of the Constitution which was rejected yesterday, be reconsidered. Which was carried by a vote of more than two-thirds.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the proposed amendment to the 2d clause of the 3d Article of the Constitution, be adopted. Which was carried by a vote of more than two-thirds. So that said clause will now read thus:—“Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member, of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the congregation, from among the members of such congregation.”

On motion, *Resolved*, That the respectful thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Washington, for their very kind, cordial and polite attention and hospitality to its members.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to John W. Wright, Esq. as Treasurer, to Abner P. Neale, Esq. for his services as Treasurer pro tem., and to William C. Lord, for his services as Assistant Secretary.

Convention then adjourned, to meet at 6 o'clock A. M. on Monday the 12th.

Service at night by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Norwood, from Mark, 16th chapter and 15th verse; after which a collection, amounting to \$117, was made, for the Bible, Tract, Prayer Book, and Missionary Society.

Service on Sunday morning by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a Sermon by the Right Rev. Bishop, from 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter and 14th verse; after which the holy communion was administered.

Service in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Morgan, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, from Philippians, 2d chapter, latter part of 12th verse, and 13th verse.

Service at night by the Bishop, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Green, from Numbers, 21st chapter and 8th verse.

MONDAY, 12th MAY, 6 o'clock A. M.

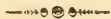
Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers by the Bishop.

The Minutes of Saturday were then read and approved. And on motion of Professor Anderson, the Convention adjourned sine die, after singing the last 4 verses of the 122d Psalm, and Prayers by the Right Rev'd Bishop.

W. C. LORD, *Assistant Secretary,*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Bible, Tract, Prayer Book, & Missionary Society,
OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Saturday morning, the 10th, was devoted to the meeting of the Missionary Society, and the following Report and Abstract of the Minutes of the Society, are published by order of the same.

REPORT.

The Agent and Secretary of this Society, the Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, elected at its last annual meeting, held in Warrenton on 31st of May, 1833, removed from this Diocese soon after that time: and the Society was left without an Agent and Secretary, until the 4th of February last, when the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., was appointed Agent and Secretary, *pro tem.*, by the Board of Managers, the Right Rev'd Bishop presiding. The Secretary, at the last annual meeting of the Society, reported in relation to Bishop Ravenscroft's Works, that the account for the publication of them had been paid at the Press,* and that there were still remaining on hand about 300 copies, the property of the Society. Also, it was urged upon the Society, to adopt some measures to effect the sale of these remaining volumes. If any such measures have been taken, or if any of said volumes have been sold, the knowledge of such transactions, or the proceeds of such sale, have not been communicated to the present Secretary. It is believed that nothing has been done. And it is again submitted to the Society, if any measures shall be taken to secure the sale of these volumes; and, if any, what? The Agent and Secretary, before leaving this Diocese, sent to Fayetteville, and deposited with Mr. Hale, a considerable number of Prayer Books, a very small proportion of which have been disposed of.—It is believed there are very few Bibles now belonging to the Society.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers, held in Wilmington in February last, already referred to, the Rev'd. Mr. Rodgers was continued as Missionary to the Churches in Beaufort county. The Rev'd. Mr. Hawks appointed Missionary for the counties of Lenoir, Craven and Pitt. The Rev'd. Mr. Mott for Oxford and Louisburg. And the Rev'd. Mr. Wil-

*The present Secretary, since his return home, has received from the Press the whole account of the Missionary Society with the Press, which states a balance of \$118 61 due the Press; \$42 90 of it however, is an improper charge, which being deducted leaves the true balance due the Press from the Society, \$75 71. Also that there were of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works unsold, in the hands of Agents, 110 copies; on hand at the press, 120 copies;—230 copies.

lie for Pittsborough and Chapel Hill. And since that time the Rev'd. Mr. Singletary has been appointed by the Bishop, Missionary to Tarborough and Scotland Neck. The said Missionaries report of their labours in their respective fields, as follows:

The Rev'd. Mr. Rodgers reports in the Churches to which he ministers, Communicants 81; 6 of whom have been admitted during the last year; Confirmations 2; Baptisms, white 1, infants 21. He also reports that since the last Convention, the number of attendants on the services of the Church, has considerably increased.

The Rev. Mr. Hawks reports, Communicants 16; Confirmations 7; Baptisms, Adult 1, Children 3. He also reports a Chapel consecrated in Craven County, and one being built in Lenoir.

The Rev'd. Mr. Mott reports, Communicants 22; Confirmations 7; Baptisms, Adult 1, Infants 3. Also, that a Church has been consecrated in Oxford.

The Rev. Mr. Wiley reports, communicants 24, of whom 9 are additions, mostly by removals to the Parish. Baptisms, Adults 3, Infants 12, Confirmations 2. A Church, also, has been consecrated in Pittsborough.

The Rev. Mr. Singletary has but just entered upon his labors. He reports to have found in Tarboro', 5 communicants. In Scotland Neck, 10.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Society exhibits the following aggregates:

Received during last year, including the amount on hand at last Convention,	\$1887 59
Expended during last year in payment of Missionaries,	1141 59
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	\$746
To which add \$36, drawn by the Bishop but not expended,	36
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Leaves a balance on hand of	\$782

The foregoing statement, it is believed, affords a fair exhibit of the present condition of the Society. But it ought to be remembered, that no mere statement of facts can give us the real and ultimate value of religious services. They are of a spiritual nature, and extend into eternity. Neither would it be right to judge the value of the Society, even in its outward operations, by the results of any one year. But we should consider its actual efficiency from the time of its organization until the present time. And tracing effects back to their causes, should behold in some of our most flourishing congregations, the fruits of the seed sown by the Missionary Society. Neither are these, in their turn, unprofitable to her who fostered them, but pour back into her bosom a rich return for her early and tender care. And thus, in every view, is this system entitled to our cordial esteem and efficient co-operation. The advancing state of the Church in the Diocese, not only calls upon us for the deepest thankfulness to the Father of mercies and God of all grace and consolation, but also demands of us the continuance of our prayers, and most strenuous efforts, to support and further the great cause we have so much at heart, and to which we have pledged our most solemn obligations. And, whilst no department of the Church should be neglected, it is respectfully submitted, whether this Society does not make good its title to a very particular and strong interest in our regards, our prayers, and our bounty; if that can be called boun-

ty which is but the rendering to our God, in due time, a portion of the goods which he has entrusted to us but for a season.

Which Report being read, was accepted.

The following resolutions were then passed.

Resolved, That we view with grateful feelings to the great Head of the Church, the increasing success which has been and is attending the efforts of the Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society, of North Carolina, and with his Divine assistance, we will continue the work with increased diligence.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society, are due to the friends of the Church in this Diocese, for the patronage and liberality which they have heretofore evinced for it, and that it be commended to them, as every way worthy of their confidence, and as entitled to their future support and generosity.

Resolved, That it be strongly recommended to the several Clergy of the Diocese, to use all possible efforts to effect the sale of the Works of the late Bishop Ravenscroft.

Resolved, That all Clergymen in whose Parishes there are not yet formed Auxiliaries to this Society, be recommended to have them formed immediately on their return to their Parishes; and that every Clergyman be requested to bring with him to each annual session of the Society, a statement of the number of members belonging to the Auxiliary Society in his Parish.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Rt. Rev. LEVI S. IVES, D. D. (ex officio) President,	
Dr. A. J. DE ROSSET, Sen., 1st Vice President,	
DUNCAN CAMERON, Esq., 2d Vice President,	
Dr. SIMMONS J. BAKER, 3d Vice President,	
Rev. THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., Secretary and Agent,	
JNO. W. WRIGHT, Esquire, Treasurer,	
Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON,	} Managers.
Dr. THOS. H. WRIGHT,	
WM. C. LORD, Esquire,	
JAMES S. GREEN, Esquire,	

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., Secretary.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, on the first Wednesday in June, 1835.

E. L. WINSLOW, *Sec'y.*

